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18 April 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DD-PERS/Plans & Control

Chief, OTR Language School

Chairman, Language Development Committee

**SUBJECT** 

Interim Qualifications and Language System

REFERENCE

Memo of Agreement, dated 7 Sept. 1972, by C/OP/CD;

Subject: Conversion of Language Proficiency Codes

to a New Scale

- 1. An interim Qualifications and Language System (CENQUAL) is being developed for implementation during the third quarter of FY-74. This effort is required because the Manpower Control System, Phase II projects, will incorporate new record identifications and data field structures that are incompatible with the existing Qualifications and Language System. The Skills Inventory System, which will contain language, qualification, and training data, is not planned for implementation until Phase IV.
  - 2. The objectives of the interim CENQUAL system are:
  - a. Make allowance for Phase II record identifications and data field changes.
  - b. Use a more efficient data entry method. This will eliminate the necessity to retain the outmoded Office of Personnel flexowriters after implementation of Phase II projects.
  - c. Use third generation programming and hardware capabilities to provide a more efficient processing system.
    - d. Provide better data and reports.
- 3. Preliminary analysis indicates the need to adopt the following recommendations:
  - a. Eliminate the pronunciation and translate/interpret language proficiency factors.
    - 1) Reading, speaking, and understanding are the only factors requiring test evaluation.

- 2) The writing factor will be retained to indicate claimed language proficiency for Office of Personnel qualification requirements.
- b. Provide the <u>years</u> tested for reading, speaking, and understanding language proficiency factors.
  - 1) Individuals are reviewed for language testing on a three-year basis disregarding month and day.
  - 2) Speaking and understanding factors can be identified with the same year, since testing of these factors are conducted at the same time.
  - 3) Elimination of pronunciation and translate/interpret factors will permit space to include these two dates without changing qualifications record design.
- c. Utilize the following language proficiency code scale in lieu of the coding scale specified in the above reference:

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Intermediate	3	D	L	X	
Elementary	2	C	K	W	
Slight	1	В	J	V	
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- 4. briefed on the interim CENQUAL system and have expressed support of its objectives.
- 5. Your concurrence is requested on the above interim CENQUAL system recommendations.

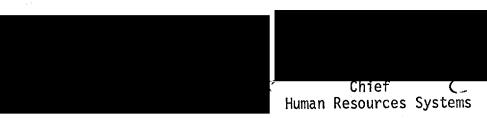
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6. For additional information, please contact

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Chief, Human Resources Systems OJCS/DDM&S GA2512 Hqs.

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